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NEW SERIES.

BOMBAY:—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1874.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE P. and O. Co.'s Oriental

will be despatched with

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SHIPPING.

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SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

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STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Tuesday, the 3rd Nov. 1874, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. BANGALORE, (2,063 tons and 500 H.P.), Captain W. Cowper, R.N.R., will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any Sheet of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not signed at the Company's Office before noon, on Saturday, the 31st Oct. 1874.

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 20th October 1874.

LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

TO LEAVE EARLY IN DECEMBER.

THE new steamer SOUTH TYNE, 1,150 Tons, classed 100 A 1 at Lloyds, built specially for the East India Trade, with Cabins on deck, having accommodation for Twenty Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.

To Liverpool ..... Rs. 500
To Southampton ..... ,, 500
To London ..... ,, 400

Rackrates of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board. For further particulars apply to

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co.,
Bombay, 16th October 1874. Agents.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FORTNIGHTLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamer CALIPSO, 2,000 Tons, will be despatched from GALWAY for TRIESTE, on or about the 16th November to be followed by the Extra Steamer DIDO, from Trieste to leave Bombay on the 16th November.

The Steamers have only limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

	Cabin.	Deck.
To Trieste	£120	£80
To Port Said	£60	£40
To Suez	£50	£30
For further particulars, and for freight and Passage, apply to the AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

A. C. GUMPERT, Agent.

28, Bombay Green, opposite the Custom House, 15th Oct. 1874.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited).

THE ORIENTAL STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA and BOMBAY on the 15th, on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Travels Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
To Aden	£22	£15	£8
,, Suez	26	17	9
,, Port Said	28	18	10
,, Malta	36	24	12
,, Naples	38	25	13
,, Leghorn	40	26	14
,, Genoa	40	26	14
Married (Passengers' Servants) at destination	32	20	10

Child under 3 years, free of charge. Children not above ten years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—

"ARABIA," to sail on SUNDAY, 1st November 1874.

"INDIA," to sail on TUESDAY, 1st December 1874.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

O. GRONDONA,
Agent Building Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9 Hamam Street.

Bombay, 1st January 1874.

SALES BY AUCTION.

NUSSERWANJEE, GULLIANDAS & CO.
20, MEADOW STREET.

THIS DAY WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE, GULLIANDAS and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at 2 o'clock P.M., at their Rooms, Meadow street, No. 40,

Grey piece goods, parties, dhities, coloured handkerchiefs, T cloths, sundry cottons, shirtings, and a few marine dept.

3 Cases with Paper Window Curtains
6 Cases Sherry 1/1 by 07
47 Cases Gaze 1/4, 5/4, 6/4
1 Case Carriage Lanterns
1 Case Children's Socks and stockings.

AUCTION SALE OF WHEAT

THIS DAY TUESDAY, the 27th instant, Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE, GULLIANDAS and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Godown at Bhoiwadeegut, the following lots of Wheat, now lying in the godown of the Bombay Press Company at Lower Colaba.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 27th October 1874.

SADANUND SHRICRISTNAJEE AND CO

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY TUESDAY, the 27th instant, Messrs S. SHRICRISTNAJEE and Co. will sell as Public Auction, at their Auction Room the following Goods:—

6 Bales Grey Shirtings
2 ditto Grey T Cloth
2 100 Piece Jaconets
2 ditto Country-made Grey T Cloth 6 lbs.
2 Cases White Shirtings.
2 ditto Cotton Prints.

SADANUND SHRICRISTNAJEE & Co.

Bombay, 27th October 1874.

To the Queen and Royal Family;
To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (Special Appointment);
And to several Indian Potentates, Foreign Governments, and Railway Companies.
Established 1748.

J. W. BENSON,

WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER; GOLDSMITH, SILVERSMITH, AND ARTISTIC METAL WORKER.

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MANUFACTORY AND CITY HOUSE—58 & 60, LUDGATE HILL.
WEST END ESTABLISHMENT—25, OLD BOND STREET, and 30, WESTBOURNE GROVE, LONDON.

MERCHANTS, SHIPPERS, AND WHOLESALE BUYERS are specially invited (before settling their Orders elsewhere) to consult from the Manufactory the ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE of WATCHES, CLOCKS, CHAINS, JEWELLERY, and ELECTRO PLATE, which are sent post free, as are duly the Discounts Hereof, but a selection can be made from the largest stock in the world.

Visitors can be met and taken to the Manufactory (Ludgate Hill), or through Merchants or Shippers in London.

WATCHES.	CLOCKS.
Of all kinds, from £2 to £200 Each.	Of all kinds, from £2 to £1000 Each.
Gold, Keyless, Horizontal, Duplex, Chronometer, Chronograph, Repeaters, Jasper, &c.	Church, Turret, Carriage, Chime, Dining and Drawing-room, Hall, Shop, Library, Bracket, &c.

ENGLISH CLOCKS, designed by English Artists and manufactured by J. W. Benson, far excel in beauty those manufactured abroad. They can only be obtained at this establishment.

FINE ART BRONZES AND CHIMNEY ORNAMENTS of the newest designs, from Continental ateliers of the highest reputation, at moderate prices.

ARTISTIC GOLD JEWELLERY, of the richest and most exquisite designs, with Monogrammes, Crests, and Devices, Enamelled in Colours, after Designs by the most accomplished Artists in the Precious Metals. Brooches, Bracelets, Necklaces, Lockets, Rings and all kinds of Ornaments, as may plead to Members of the Court and other Distinguished Personages.

Patent Electro Plate—Testimonials of different Plate, Racing Cups, and Jewelled and other Boxes, as provided by Mr. Benson for the Corporation of London and other Public Bodies, together with specimens illustrating the Freedom of the City to the Prince of Wales, Duke of Edinburgh, &c. &c.

SILVER AND ELECTRO-PLATE in the most recent fashions, and of the most durable make in the trade—Plate it is necessary to secure sound materials and a sufficient coating of silver to resist daily wear, and bear satisfactorily. No other is really cheap at any price, nor worth buying.

Watches and Clocks repaired by skilled workmen. Old Silver, Jewellery, Watches, &c., Exchanged. Merchants, shippers, and Clubs supplied.

Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, and Plate sent to all parts of the world.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE SHARE LIST of the ANGLO-INDIAN SPINNING and MANUFACTURING COMPANY (Limited) will CLOSE on SATURDAY, 31st instant.

WANTED, a 2nd ASSISTANT CLERK for the Office of the Chief Engineer, G. I. P. Railway, Salary Rs. 150. A good knowledge of, and previous experience of, accounts indispensable.

Applications to be made, by letter only, stating Parentage, Age, and where Educated, to the CHIEF ENGINEER, G. I. P. Railway.

HOLTA TEA COMPANY (Limited).

THE AD-INTERIM DIVIDEND on the new A and B ORDINARY SHARES of this Company will be DECLARED at the THIRD HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the REGISTERED Office of the Company, No. 11, New Calma Bazaar Street, Calcutta, on and after the 2nd November next. Shareholders are requested to send in their Deeds for countersignature.

By Order of the Board,
E. SMYTH & Co.,
Secretaries.

Calcutta, 13th October 1874.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.—Ecclesiastical Side.

In the matter of the LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION (with a copy of the Will annexed), of RAGHUNATH MORLESHWAR, late of Bombay, Hindoo, deceased.

BHASKER WISHWANATHJEE and LADAJEE WISHWANATHJEE ..... Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an APPLICATION has been made to the High Court by the Applicants above named for Grant of Letters of Administration as above with the Will annexed of the deceased above named.

All persons interested are hereby required to appear at Chambers on Saturday, the 31st day of October 1874.

ARDESIR FRAMJEE,
Applicants' Proctor.

M. B. MADON & Co., Watches and Retail Jewellers and Chemists, have always on hand a large assortment of FRENCH CLOCKS, CHRONOMETERS, and PATENT MEDICINES of all varieties. Charges exceedingly moderate and 25 per cent. less than other respectable Chemists in the Town. Theatre Lane, Opposite Custom Office, Bombay.

PIANOFORTE AND ORGAN TUNING.

S. ROSE and Co. are happy to inform Musical Amateurs and the Public that they have ENGAGED the services of a HIGHLY SKILLED and OBLIGING TUNER who will arrive in a few days, thus supplying a musical want long experienced in Bombay.

Contract Tunings and Tunings Upcountry undertaken by

S. ROSE & Co.,
The Bombay Musical Depôt.

NOTICE is hereby given, that SUBRAI, widow of Jahangeerjee Cawasjee, and now residing at BYRAMJEE JEEJEEBHOY'S Compound in Bombay, intends to PURCHASE, for sale to him or all that piece or parcel of Government LAND or GROUND, together with messuages, tenements, or dwelling-houses standing thereon, situate, lying and being on the east side of Cumballa-pond Bazaar Road, in the Fort of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing 175 25 square yards or thereabouts, and now held by him under a lease of Ground Assessment under No. 10, and by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 2020, and bounded on the east by the compound of Cursetjee Cawasjee, on the west by the Cumballa-pond Bazaar Road aforesaid, on the south by the house of Dhanbhoy Naoroji Daruwalla and on the north by the Compound of Cursetjee Cawasjee; and whereas said property was purchased from the Executors of the estate of the late Mistrial Sahiby, and Byramjee Jeejeebhoy. All persons having any claim against the same are hereby required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned, Solicitor to the said Subrai, within fourteen days from the date hereof or the Undersigned will proceed to complete the said sale without any such claims.—Dated this 1st day of October 1874.

CRAWFORD & BOEVEY,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

MAPS OF INDIA.

FOR SALE, at the "Bombay Gazette" Office, a number of MAPS of INDIA similar to those which are incorporated in the "Indian Year Book" of 1874.

PRICE TWO ANNAS.

SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Married Couple WANTS ACCOMMODATION between the end of November and beginning of December, for 2 or 3 months. Terms Rs. 70 per mensem. Address, THETA, Gazette Office.

WANTED, immediately, an ENGLISH MAID from 25 to 30 years old, with good character. Apply at No. 1, Elphinstone Circle.

WANTED, the LOAN of Rs 500 on good Security. Apply by Letter to THETA, care of Bombay Gazette.

FOR SALE, a COTTAGE PIANO, by COLLARD, full COMPASS, in excellent condition. Apply to G. B., Bombay Gazette Office.

THE FOLLOWING

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER,

Dated 12th May, 1872, from an old inhabitant of Horningsheat, near Weimington, Wilts:—

"I must add to my testimonial that I am an excellent specimen for me, and I certainly do enjoy good health, sound sleep and a good appetite, this is owing to taking your Pills. I am 67 years old."

"Remaining truly thankful, yours very respectfully,
To the Proprietors of
NORTON'S CAMOMILE PILLS, Bilston.

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Charcoal-tilt, prepared Cloth and Felt Gun Wadding.

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ALL OF SUPERIOR QUALITY.

Pickles, Sauces, Syrups.
Jams in tins and jars.
Orange Marmalade.
Tart Fruits, Dessert Fruits.
Potagon, Lisbon Agrapes, Nectarines, Mustard, Vinegar.
Fruits in Brandy and Noyeau.
Potted Meats and Fish.
Fresh Salmon, Oysters and Herrings
Kippered Salmon and Herrings.
Herrings in Sardine Boxes.
Pickled Barcelon.
Yarmouth Bloaters.
Blackwall Whitebait.
Fresh and Pickled Hotdocks.
Pure Salad Oil.
Soups in Pint and Quart Tins.
Preserved Meats in Soups.
Peas, Carrots, Beans, and other Vegetables.
Preserved Beans and Cheese.
Preserved Bacon.
Oxford and Cambridge Sausages.
Bologna Sausages.
Yorkshire Game Pates.
Yorkshire Pork Pates.
Tongues, Game, Poultry
Plum Puddings.
Lea and Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce.

FRESH SUPPLIES OF THE ABOVE AND NUMEROUS OTHER TABLE DELICACIES MAY ALWAYS BE HAD FROM THEIR DEPOT, BOMBAY AND POONAH, AND FROM EVERY STOREKEEPER.

CAUTION.

To prevent the fraud of refilling the Bottles or Jars with Native productions, they should INVARIABLY BE RETURNED when empty.

Goods should always be examined upon delivery, to detect any attempt at substitution of articles of inferior brands.

EVERY CORK IS BRANDED WITH CROSSE & BLACKWELL.

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At the Paris Exhibition of 1867, THREE PRIZE MEDALS were awarded to CROSSE and BLACKWELL for the marked superiority of their productions. Also a special Medal for Progress at the Vienna Exhibition.

NOTICES.

BOMBAY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).—The above Company is prepared to EFFECT INSURANCES at Current Rates on Merchandize stored in Bombay and its Native Towns and Factories, and on Cotton in Presses and Godowns in Town. Policies, and all other business connected with the Company, may be had at the Premises on Policies, or at the Secretary's Office.

FORBES & Co.,
Secretaries and Managers.

THE BOMBAY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Members of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 17, Bruce Bunder, Fort, on FRIDAY, the 6th day of November 1874, at 4 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

1st.—To receive and adopt the Half-yearly Report, and the audited Balance Sheet, made up to the 30th September 1874.

2nd.—To elect two Directors in the place of those retiring by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.

3rd.—To appoint Auditors for the current year, and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 23rd OCTOBER to the 6th NOVEMBER (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. MITCHELL & Co.,
Secretaries and Agents.

11, Hammam Street, Bombay, 22nd October 1874.

FIRE INSURANCE.

(Exclusive of Bonus Fund.)

THE LONDON AND LANCASHIRE FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	Rs. 10,000,000
THE TRANSATLANTIC (and re-insurance) FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	,, 2,000,000
THE BATAVIA FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	,, 3,000,000
THE SAMARANG FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	,, 2,000,000

MARINE INSURANCE.

THE SWISS LLOYD MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	Rs. 2,000,000
THE BRITISH WEST INDIA LLOYD MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	,, 3,000,000
THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	,, 4,000,000
THE SAMARANG MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	,, 5,000,000
THE BATAVIA MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	,, 5,000,000
THE NEDDERLANDSCH MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	,, 2,000,000

For FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE in the above Companies apply to the UNDERSIGNED, who can offer ALL POLICIES on MOST FAVOURABLE TERMS. ALL CLAIMS PROMPTLY SETTLED IN BOMBAY. Rates and other particulars can be obtained on application.

VOLKART BROTHERS, Agents.

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For Life Assurance. TWELVE Bonuses have been declared. FOUR ANNUAL Bonuses HAVE ACCRUED. LOANS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COMPANY.

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NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, Limited.

Solicitors.
ARDESHIR FRAMJEE, Esq., B.A., LL.B.

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The Medical Advisers will see Applicants at their own Residences, gratuitously, on the First by appointment.

E. R. BUTTLER, Esq., M.D., Presidency and Marine Surgeon, Marine Lines, 3 to 5 p.m.

JAMES ARNOTT, Esq., M.D., Post Office, Girgaum.

RUSSOMJEE COOVERJEE BATLIWALLA, Esq., M.B.C.S., Cowasjee Patel Street, 2 to 5 p.m.

SHANTARAM NEWSHET, Esq., Clerk, No. 3 of Bench Cavalry Guard, Fort.

HEAD OFFICE—BOMBAY.

The Directors beg to direct the attention to their NEW and IMPORTANT FEATURES recently added to the Prospectus, which they believe will be found to be unequalled in the arrangements of any other Company transacting business in India.

For Prospectuses, Forms of Proposal, Statements and AGENCIES, apply to

CHARLES E. PEARCE,
Secretary.

Bombay, 1st January 1874.

NOTICE.—HENRY LIDDELL, Esq., Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has appointed Mr. POSTANS to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, and has invested him with the powers of a Police Officer, for the purpose of PASSING upon applications for LICENSES to keep or expose for sale Gunpowder, Fireworks, or other Explosive Matter, and for the purpose of visiting and inspecting Premises in which such Explosive Matter may be kept, and of seizing the same, under the provisions of Act XIV of 1869, and Act XV of 1869, and Act XXIII of 1865, and Act XXIV of 1865, and Act XXV of 1865, and Act XXVI of 1865, and Act XXVII of 1865, and Act XXVIII of 1865, and Act XXIX of 1865, and Act XXX of 1865, and Act XXXI of 1865, and Act XXXII of 1865, and Act XXXIII of 1865, and Act XXXIV of 1865, and Act XXXV of 1865, and Act XXXVI of 1865, and Act XXXVII of 1865, and Act XXXVIII of 1865, and Act XXXIX of 1865, and Act XL of 1865, and Act XLI of 1865, and Act XLII of 1865, and Act XLIII of 1865, and Act XLIV of 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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY SPECIAL TELEGRAM, 26th October, 1874.

The [illegible] telegram of to-day's date have come in [illegible] since the close of going to press, and [illegible] yesterday's closing message [illegible].

The weekly statement of the New Bank of [illegible] to the 4th instant shows the following [illegible]:—

[illegible] balance at H. O. [illegible]	Rs.	1,76,877
[illegible]	Dec. "	93,653
[illegible]	Dec. "	3,18,479
[illegible]	Inc. "	6,40,130
[illegible]	Dec. "	2,56,541
[illegible]	Inc. "	5,90,549

Sterling Exchange to-day has not altered in any way, but we have still to notice more disposition to buy than sell on the part of the Banks. We quote:—

Bank Bills, on demand	1s 10d	per rupee.
Do. 4 months' sight	1s 10⅛ to 1s 10d.	"
Credits, 4 months' sight	1s 10 1-16d.	"
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1s 10⅛	"

On Calcutta nothing has been done, and there is no alteration in rates. GOVERNMENT PAPER is quiet but steady, as Saturday's figures show:—Fours Rs. 96½; Fours and a half Rs. 100½; Fives and a half Rs. 108½.

The SPECIE MARKET is quiet. In some cases, a [illegible] shillings are again slightly lower, but, as a rule, rates are as last quoted.

In COTTON we have no heard of any transactions whatever, and prices are nominally unaltered.

PIECE GOODS are dull at £2 2-6 by steamer, ready, and for November, and 2-10 for December-January loading. The sailing ship Isabella Kerr has been fixed to-day for a half cargo of cotton at Liverpool, March loading, at £2-10 per ton.

PIECE GOODS as usual on mail day have been very sparingly dealt in, but there is no alteration to note in prices.

BANKS.

No. of shares	Nominal value per share	Paid up	Last div. declared	Name	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	P. c.			
12,000	100	all	5 p.c.	Agra Bank	94
25,000	1,000	all	12 p.c.	Bank of Bengal	1 420
10,000	500	all	12 p.c.	Do. of Bombay New	745
10,000	500	all	37½ 12p.c.	Do. Old Do. (ex-div.)	823
30,000	1,000	all	5 p.c.	Do. of Madras	1,03[illegible]
10,000	250	all	8 p.c.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of I. L. & China	250
60,000	125	all	12 p.c.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	402 pl
30,000	250	all	5 p.c.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	273
1,00[illegible]	250	12½	5 p.c.	National Bank of India	218xd
4,000	25	21	12 do.	Oriental Bank	515

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

[illegible]	4,200	all	12½	Alexandra Spinning	1,450 x
800	2,000	all	2½	Allianz Spinning	3,150
953	1,000	all	...	Bhowaneegunge M. & P. Co.	2,200
[illegible]	1,000	all	30 p.c.	Bombay United	1,355
1,[illegible]	150	40	10 p.c.	Broach Mills	270
300	1,000	750	...	Colaba Spinning	1,110
2,[illegible]	1,000	all	10 p.c.	Dharamsey Spinning	1,740
1,[illegible]	1,25	all	12½ p.c.	Fleming S. W. Co.	1,255
1,[illegible]	1,000	all	12½ p.c.	Great Eastern	1,470
900	1,000	all	...	Hindustan S. W. Co.	1,310
720	1,000	all	12½ p.c.	Jeevaji Dadoo Mills	1,265
500	1,000	1,000	...	Khatau Spinning	1,225
500	1,250	1,000	...	Madras Spinning	1,450
350	1,250	500	65 p.c.	Madras U. Spinning	1,250
1,[illegible]	1,000	all	...	Manockji Petit's	1,420
2[illegible]	1,000	all	...	Morarjee Spinning	1,400
4,0[illegible]	645	all	12½ p.c.	Oriental	690
600	1,250	250	...	Prince of Wales Spinning	290
[illegible]	1,000	1,000	150 p.c.	Soonderdas Spinning	1,510
900	1,000	20	350 p.c.	Do. do. 1st shares	440

* Ex-bonus for the half-year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

[illegible]	[illegible]	p.c		G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	286
.....	250	40	12½ p.c.	Do. New 2nd Shares	120
.....	250	43	12½ p.c.	Ditto	...
.....	625	100	5 p.c.	S. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,810
.....	625	100	5 p.c.	Do. New Shares	1215

LAND COMPANIES.

4,[illegible]	8,000	all	[illegible]	Colaba Land Co.	1,015
8,000	100	all	Nil.	Fores Land & Pier Co. Ltd.	146
750	2,000	2,000	20 p.c.	Mazagon Land	1,420
6,000	1,000	all	15 p.c.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	230

PRESS COMPANIES.

186	5,000	9,500	100 p.c.	Arbar Cotton Press Co.	1,570
950	2,000	1,100	150 dc.	Albert Co., Kurrachee	800
150	500	all	15 p.c.	Albert Ginning Co.	690
250	3,000	800	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.	1,070
200	1,000	200	dc.	Alfred Mill's Co.	1,110
125	1,000	11,000	100 p.c.	Apollo Press Co.	2,100
200	2,500	all	...	Barar Cotton G. & P. Co.	2,000
200	2,000	all	200 p.c.	Bombay Press Co.	1,300
200	500	all	150 p.c.	Do. New	475
100	1,000	1,500	50 p.c.	Broach Cotton Co.	750
100	1,500	...	12 p.c.	Burmah Company	760
500	500	all	70 p.c.	Colaba Press Co.	1,450 xd.
800	2,000	all	300 p.c.	East India Press Co.	2,000
150	8,500	all	80 p.c.	Fort Press Co.	4,000
300	7,000	2,500	75 p.c.	Framji Cowasji Press Co.	2,000
200	5	all	100 p.c.	Framji Cowasji Press Co.	220
200	5,000	1,400	75 p.c.	Imperial Press Co.	420
200	500	350	60 p.c.	Mofussil Press & O. Co.	470
800	2,000	5,000	...	Shoi Press Manuf. Co., Ltd.	1,000
100	2,500	22,500	250 p.c.	Prince of Wales Press	1,000
200	1,000	all	200 p.c.	Queen's Press Co.	1,250
200	750	750	45 p.c.	Scinde Press Co.	460
100	1,000	750	100 p.c.	Scinde and Punjaubdhoo Press Co., Limited	900
1,0	1,000	1,[illegible]	Rs. 20	Victoria Press, Madras	840
1,0	1,000	all	12½ p.c.	Do. Ord. Shares Press Co.	1,000
450	1,000	all	150 p.c.	Vulcan's United Press Co.	1,200

* Per share, for the half year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

.....	2,500	1,500	250 p.c.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,940 xd.
1,000	50	all	150 p.c.	Bombay Gas Company	65
600	...	300	5 p.c.	Landing and Shipping Co. of Kurrachee Ld.	155
130	200	100	8 p.c.	Malabar Company Ld.	160
4,000	...	all	12 p.c.	Mechanics' Building Co.	15
...	500	all	15 p.c.	Thresher & Co.	370
...	125	71	40 p.c.	Vegas Patent Slip Co.	90

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

	Paid-up Capital	Dividend	
			Bank of China
			East India Bank
	100	12	Oriental Bank
	100	Paid	Bank of Indian Peninsula

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY (Limited).

STATEMENT of the affairs of the New Bank of Bombay (Limited) as on the 17th October, 1874, with the statement issued on 10th October:—

Liabilities.	17th Oct. Rs.	24th Oct. Rs.
Proprietors, Capital— Paid up on 16,000 Shares of Rs. 500 each fully [illegible] Rs. 500 each	80,00,000	
Second Instal. of Rs. 250 do.	40,00,000	
Do. do. paid on account of 2nd Call of Rs. 125 per share	12,11,250	
Do. do. paid to account of 3rd Call of Rs. 25 per share	2,47,975	
Do. do. paid to account of 4th Call of Rs. 125 per share	82,31,125	
	84,84,175	87,09,100
Reserve Fund, invested in Government Securities	15,50,000	15,50,000
Government General Treasury Balance	32,99,307	37,71,134
Do. at Head Office	14,58,573	14,50,047
Do. do. at Branches	1,52,50,285	1,53,14,075
Other Deposits	10,512	19,822
Post Bills	5,02,105	1,41,976
Cash Credits, undrawn	2,97,63,257	3,02,87,257

Assets.		
Government Securities	44,98,943	45,73,926
Cash Credits, on Security of Government Paper, Bullion, and Merchandize	12,72,950	12,70,450
Loans, on Security of do. do.	28,33,127	28,70,615
Current Accounts, overdrawn	9,549	5,920
Bills Discounted	1,60,27,724	1,59,48,144
Sundries	5,270	5,371
Head Stock Rs. 6,05,775		
Altachiyogika Investigation " 1,15,000	3,90,775	3,92,775
Bullion	9,00,398	3,63,826
Cash Balances with Correspondents	1,97,27,893	1,70,70,445
Coin and Currency Notes		
	3,97,63,257	3,02,87,257

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE S.S. PERSIAN, 51 tons, Captain B. Canry, arrived in harbour yesterday from Coast and Goa with a general cargo and thirty-five deck passengers.

THE BARQUE MONTE VIRGO, 356 tons, Captain G. Metalite, which arrived in harbour on the 24th instant from Mauritius (September 20th) brought a cargo of 5,396 bags of sugar. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Edward Baudry & Co.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Penang, 375 tons, Captain J. Avery, sailed yesterday for Kurrachee with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Lieuts. P. J. Maitland, Captain and Mrs. W. S. Peat, and one hundred and ten deck passengers.

THE P. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Buccaneer 538 tons, Captain Jeffreys, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. F. A. Emmerton, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Sahrabe, Mr. Parushram and servant, and twenty-two deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
26	Jemadar (s)	.....	Bussorah, Oct 8.
	Hallowe (s)	Canty	Goa, Oct 24.

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
26	Schah Jehan	.....	Mauritius.
	Berbice (s)	Anderson	Southampton.
	Jemadar (s)	Avery	Kurrachee.

The Steamer Penguin, for Coast and Cutwar, was entered out for loading yesterday.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

22 City of Carthage (s) Barnet ..... Liverpool, Sept 18
Patna (s) ..... Stewart ..... Rangoon, Oct 20
Rose (s) ..... Nicoll ..... Akyab, Oct 20.
Brothelia ..... Scott ..... Greenock, June 26.

DEPARTURES.

22 Khiva (s) .....
Smith Warren .....
and a Ship [illegible] unidistinguishable.

DAILY IMPORTS.—OCTOBER 26.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Marina, s. Screw steamer, Marwick, 300 tons, Jamrejee.

FROM LONDON.

Lorne, s, 15 packages brandy, 2 cases sherry, 4 cases claret, 28 cases champagne, and 2 cases beer, John Crombie and Co; 300 pigs lead, Highfield Alabbey and Co; 10 drums linseed oil, 5 do Nuprel oil, 27 cases champagne, D S Kemp and Co; 1 bale works, Manockjee Pestonjee and Sons; 1 case ink, Bell Brand inking and Co; 18 cases iron safes, Goculdas Tharjee; 100 barrels pitch, 50 puncheons tar, and 12 cases sorry, C S Mitchell and Co.

FROM GENOA.

Arabia, s, 100 boxes brandy, Hormusjee Pestonjee and Sons.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Arabia, s, 25 cases corks, 60 cases claret, and 25 cases brandy, Forbes, Premier and Co; 250 boxes brandy and 100 cases corks, Sawyer, Ardaseer and Sons; 15 cases champagne, 6 cases perfumery and 15 cases wine, A Kunkler and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—OCTOBER 26.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Pursee, s, Screw steamer, Alcolla Rajpoot, 17 bales wool, Abdoola Mamoojee, 98 bales wool, Chunneelaul Chatterdhoor; 17 bales wool, Nowrojy Thackersey; 83 bales wool, and 10 bales cotton, Jurbia Vurjee; 9 bales goitnee, Jeevraj Balloo; 70 bales cotton, Sewram Narrondass; 43 bales cotton, Hoosenbhoy Cassumbhoy; 6 bales cotton, Jaffar Fuzeelum; 60 bales cotton, Soomroo and Moollall; 35 cwts. gall, Dewjee Anundjee; 93 bales cotton, Hurrydass Gangjee; 100 bales cotton Ramjee Rhodees.

Marina, s, 110 packages wet dates, Ewart Latham and Co; 95 bales wool, Bonjee Pestonjee and Sons; 80 bales cotton, Ragoobhoy Hayabhoy; 125 bales cotton, Jewer Balloo; 30 bales wool, Khimjee Lucksmeedass and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Bokhara, s, 4 cases shawls, Mooleedhur Mohonlall; 2 cases shawls, Jeevanjee Dadoobhoy; 1 box shawls, Hajee Atta Oolla; 1 case shudder and Sindi work, Sunnlall Lappendass; 1 case shawls, Tooloordass Mangeedass; 1 case shawls, 8 Goolamhussen; 1 case shawls, Pulbuhoodass Jugonnath; 6 cases shawls, Sewnathroy, Punalall; 7 cases shawls, Roopnathjee Kessowjee; 1 case shawls, Myadass Ramchunder; 1 case shawls, Luckmedas Khimjee.

FOR NEW YORK.

Hope, 3,350 cwts Rosood, Finlay Scott and Co; 500 bales rags, Farnham and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Arabia, s, 365 cwts wheat, Ahren Riebe and Co; 26 bales cotton Hurribhoo Gangjee.

Venetia, s, 2,250 cwts [illegible], Ralli Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Venetia, s, 12 bales cotton, Knoop and Co; 60 cwts [illegible].

FOR VENICE.

Venetia, s, 10 bales cotton, H Clason and Co.

FOR LEGHORN.

Arabia, s, 3 bales wool and 1 bag coffee, A Bigongiari and Muraglia.

FOR GENOA.

Arabia, s, 15 bales hides and 3 [illegible] bales cotton, G Sigg & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Adria, s, 2 bags linseed and 22 bags sowa seed, Luckmedass Vundravandass and Co.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

THE result of the annual gun-practice of the Royal Artillery in Bengal is published in general orders, and from this we see that with the 9-pounder rifled guns the R-A Battery, R. H. A., at Morar, heads the list, with a total number of 502 points obtained by ten marksmen. The same battery also made the best practice last year. With the muzzle loading rifled guns the R-F Battery, R. H. A., at Meerut, made the best score of 368. Of the field-batteries armed with smooth-bore guns, C 19 at Bareilly heads the list with 309. The Jutogh Battery made a score of 408 with muzzle-loading rifled guns. Of the heavy batteries the best was at Motar, where a score of 244 was obtained; and the Agra Garrison Battery headed the list with 486. The Commander-in-Chief makes the following remarks upon the shooting:—"From an inspection of the practice reports it is evident that in many instances sufficient attention has not been paid to preliminary instruction. Moreover, the rules for carrying on the practice have not been properly attended to, and five batteries have been disqualified on this account. In some instances the practice reports have been very carelessly made out. His Excellency trusts that more attention will be paid to these points in future. The practice of the 40 pounder rifled and of the smooth-bore field-batteries has been generally good."

ARRIVALS—OCTOBER 24.

Donovan, Staff Major, Army Med Dept, on leave, from Mhow.
Heathcote, Lieut Col, C.B. Regt, on leave, from Mhow.
McFarquhar, Lieut, 45th Regt N I, on leave, from Poona.

OCTOBER 25.

Park, Lieut, 12th Regt N I, on leave, from Dharwar.
Bernhardi, Lieut, 8th Regt N I, on duty, from Deesa.
Jones, Lieut, 2nd Light Cavalry, on duty, from Deesa.
Sharp, Captain, Madras 18th Regt N I, on furlough, from Madras.
Ignlet, Lieut, 24th Regt N I, to join, from Bushpore.

OCTOBER 26.

Turnbull, Staff Vet Surg, Bengal Vet Dept, on sick leave, from Sindh.
Lyons, Lieut Col, General Duty, on leave, from Poona.

DEPARTURES—OCTOBER 26.

Steele, Colonel, Madras Staff Corps, retired, to England.
Corbet, Lieut Col, Bengal Service Depot Corps, to Poona, 1.
Rhoe Warren.
Pringle, Surgn Major, Bengal Med Dept, to join, to Mussoorie, N W P.
Ballew, Surgeon Major, Bengal Med Dept, on furlough, to England.
Crumbie, Lieut, Bengal 5th Fusiliers, on leave, to England.
Maitland, Lieut, 2nd Regt Horse, on duty, to Ahmednagar.
Bell, Lieut, 15th Regt N I, on duty, to Deesa.
Heathcote, Lieut Col, 19th Regt N I, on leave, to Deesa.
Park, Lieut Col, 12th Regt N I, on return to duty, to Dharwar.
Sharp, Captain, Madras 18th Regt N I, on furlough, to England.
Gor, Lieut Col, Bengal Consul Dept, on Mad Cadre, to England.
Penn, Captain, Brigade Major, Poona Foreign Force, on duty, to Kurrachee.
McCausland, Lieut, 41st Welsh, on duty, to Aden.

POSTAL NOTICES.

CHINA MAILS.

China and Australian Mail Steamers will leave Bombay as follow:—

		A.M. or P.M.			A.M. or P.M.
Tuesday	Nov.	3	P.M. Tuesday	Dec.	29
"	"	17	"	Jan.	12
"	Dec.	1	"	"	26
"	"	15	"	"	

MAILS FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF

To Kurrachee.

The B. I. S. N. Company's Contract Steamers will be despatched from Bombay to Kurrachee (viâ Cutch) every Monday and Friday, until further notice.

Persian Gulf Mails.

The Mail Service by the Contract Steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company between Bombay and the Persian Gulf will be weekly instead of fortnightly as at present.

A Mail will be despatched every Friday until further notice.

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TO RESIDENTS OF POONA.

RESIDENTS of Poona may obtain the *Bombay Gazette* DAILY at Messrs. PHILLIPS & Co.'s, POONA, price 4 annas. Also, on Tuesdays, the INDIAN EDITION of the *Bombay Gazette Overland Summary*, containing all the news of the week, the Telegrams received from Europe during the week, and the Special London Correspondence, Political, Commercial, and Military, published in the Daily *Bombay Gazette*.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTMYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES, THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

LEES—October 24th, at Bandora, Ruth Amelia Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lees.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

HARPER—October 23rd, at 10, Government Place, Calcutta, the wife of Mr. F. W. Harper, of a daughter.

URQUHART—October 20th, at Muzaffarpore, Tirhoot, the wife of A. S. Urquhart, Esq., of a son.

All MONEY ORDERS, CHEQUES, and other Remittances, sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

The Bombay Gazette.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1874.

A GOVERNMENT Resolution, dated 27th August last, was issued from the General Department some time back, commenting on a letter from the Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department, forwarding for the information of Government the Report of Surgeon Major Pinkerton, Superintendent General of Vaccination, on the working of the Vaccine Department throughout this Presidency and Sind for the year 1873-74. The Resolution opens:—"His Excellency in Council has read this very complete report with much interest and satisfaction. In almost every respect it shows a marked improvement on the preceding year. All the officers have evidently done their best for the progress of vaccination in the Presidency, and their efforts have been attended with success. And then it goes into some details showing the distribution of the Department and the amount of progress that has been attained. From these we gather that for the purposes of supervision there were altogether employed during the year 1 Superintendent General, 9 Superintendents, 36 Assistant Superintendents and 15 clerks, paid, in addition to the supervision [illegible] and the further duty of compil[illegible], otherwise it would appear rather [illegible] grant for the proper overlooking of the work of 381 vaccinators, the total number employed. But then, considering the importance of the work these men perform, and how absolutely necessary it is that its quality should be the first desideratum, we think a too close supervision cannot be maintained, and we should therefore think twice before throwing out any suggestions as to its lowering. A total number of 652,223 operations were performed during the year by the Department, and this gives an advance over the preceding year of some 63,866. The best part of this increase falls to the lot of the itinerant establishment, they showing an advance of 61,684, while the smaller portion is distributed between the dispensaries and the army. Taking these figures as correct, and taking into account the amount of close supervision exercised, we cannot but concur with His Excellency in deeming them creditable to the Department. It would appear that something over 25 per mille of the population have passed through the vaccinators' hands during the year. This approximates very closely to the received birth rate, which is indeed very satisfactory when the fact is considered that a good deal of prejudice still exists regarding vaccination, and a benign Government are still of opinion it is not of importance enough to be anything more than a mere matter of *Koosha*.

Arranging the numbers according to caste, we find that by far the greater portion are Hindoos, viz., 454,915; next in order come the Mussulmans, 114,745; next these the outcastes, 44,874; next the Christians, 3,281; and lastly the Parsees, 1,216. The Superintendent General says he is unable to say whether these figures "bear any close relation to the number of "each caste in the general population"; but adds, that they have shown no material difference for several years back. No doubt, now that the Census Report is published, next year the different proportions the several castes bear in the total population will be available, and then the proportionate popularity of vaccination amongst them will be ascertained. The proportion of the sexes operated on is for 100 persons 52·8 males and 47·2 females. The disparity is said to be greatest in the Island of Bombay, where 55 per cent. of the persons operated on are males. This shows that in Bombay female children are not submitted to the vaccinator with such readiness as male: a fact for which ridiculous prejudice may in some way account. If so submitted they would bear the same proportion they do on the birth rate, and this we find in England is about 106 males for every 100 females. The age at which the operation should be performed is a matter that has been occupying the attention of the Department for some time, but, notwithstanding this, the percentage of infantile operations still ranges rather low, viz. 38 per cent. The Superintendent General, however, thinks that a percentage of 41 would be doing very well, and does not think, with the wide field he has to go over, a vaccinator can possibly reach more than a third of the available children while yet under one year. The percentage of success attained was 94·8, which is an increase on the preceding year of 0·2. This percentage may be considered low in primary operations when the lymph is good and active: but it must be remembered, that in selecting subjects it is quite within the range of possibility for the vaccinators to overlook slight attacks of small-pox in previous years, which may be all sufficient to render the person so affected proof against the action of cow-pox. Such persons should not be shown as primary, but as re-vaccinations, and it is this discrimination could be always accurately and faithfully made, we have no doubt the percentage of success would range higher, as then only those carelessly operated on and obnoxious to the disease would be left to fill the unsuccessful columns. The lymph used throughout the Presidency was reported good during the year with the exception of Guzerat, where it was said to have deteriorated somewhat. That used at the Presidency was mostly animal lymph, while that in the other Circles respectively was human being taken from arm to arm. This latter seems to take more readily, as the percentage of success obtained at the Presidency is lower than any other Circle with the exception of Aden. Animal lymph is, however, sometimes very variable in its action, and is generally considered more certain to take if used after one transmission through the human subject. Some English lymph was obtained through the Secretary of State for India, but it does not appear to have done out here very well; a circumstance for which the Superintendent General says he is unable to account.

If we now look at the cost of this amount of work we have so far analysed, we find it amounts, in the aggregate, to Rs. 2,16,076-8-4, and this is distributed in the following manner:—

To Imperial sources	Rs.	1,05,193	11 9
To Municipal do.	do.	15,659	12 7
To Local Fund do.	do.	87,850	0 0
Native Chiefs' contribution do.		26,079	15 6

Thus it will be seen that about one-half the total expenditure is borne by the Imperial funds, and this is altogether appropriated to the work of supervision and the incidental expenses attendant thereon. The contributions from local sources and Native Chiefs are devoted to the paying of the vaccinators and their peons. The average cost of each successful vaccination, including in the calculation the expenditure under every head, was 4 annas and 2 pies, or some 6 pies less than last year. Government in para. 9 of their Resolution say—"The one unsatisfactory feature is the comparatively high cost of each successful vaccination, which on an average amounts to Rs. 0-6-2, and which is understood to be considerably higher than that incurred in any other province in India." In saying this, however, it ought to be remembered that there is a better system of vaccination in this than in any other province, inasmuch as by it nearly 26 per mille of the population are protected, while there is scarcely another province in India where protection is afforded to 20 per mille, and in many the proportion is much less. Again, the rate of wages paid to vaccinators here has to be in advance of that on the other side, because the rate of living is much higher. In fact, peons could not be had here for the rate they quote vaccinators at in the North West. But let us look towards the West, and we shall find in England each successful vaccination averaging from 3 shillings to 3s. 6d., while here we have the same work performed for 9d. Government need scarcely deplore the large expenditure so long as they have successful vaccinations performed at this rate; and we are of opinion that 8 annas, or a shilling, would still be a reasonable rate to secure the amount of immunity and security from small-pox that at present exist in this Presidency. This disease, however, does not appear to have been altogether stamped out, for we find that some 2,916 deaths are said to have occurred from it. The Superintendent General, however, gives out most distinctly that no reliance whatever is to be placed on these figures, and, considering the source whence they come, a fact we have had to animadvert on before now, we are by no means surprised at the statement. The report contains many matters of departmental detail which we do not find it necessary to notice; but we are glad to observe that our hints to adopt this organization for general sanitary purposes, thrown out some time since, have at length forced themselves on the notice of Government. The commendations made by the Surgeon General on the work of the Department are concurred in by Government, and Dr. Pinkerton well deserves the praises passed on him for his most business like and eminently practical report.

CAPTURE OF NANA SAHIB

By the courtesy of a correspondent at Gwalior, we are enabled this morning to publish an authentic account of the way in which Nana Sahib was captured, and of the reasons which have led Maharaja Scindia and Colonel Osborne to believe that there can be no doubt about his identity.

It has been ascertained that the man now in custody at Morar, with an officer's guard of the 26th Cameronians to watch over him, came to Gwalior for the Dussera festival of the 20th inst. He had, so far as is known, but one companion, a Pundit from Bareilly. The two men encamped in a suburban garden about a mile from Scindia's palace.

On the night of the 21st inst. these men despatched a letter to a member of Scindia's household who is in the Maharaja's confidence, stating that Nana Peishwa had come to Gwalior and sought help from His Highness. The letter was written in Persian and signed with Nana's usual signature, which can, if necessary, be verified. The dramatic version of the words of the letter, published by the *Delhi Gazette*, is inaccurate. Driven by the wretched state of his circumstances to try some bold stroke, Nana seems to have counted, with entire confidence, on forcing Scindia either to shelter him or to give him money to go away. He knew that all the Mahrattas in the army and the city would sympathize with him, and he imagined that Scindia would not dare to run the risk of seizing him and handing him over to the British Government. At the worst, he probably believed that some stipulation would be made to save his life. But, when he sent the letter to Scindia's palace, the dominant feeling in his mind no doubt was that he could compel the Maharaja to become for a time his accomplice.

He was "quickly undeceived. Scindia, as soon as he learnt the news, made his determination to prove himself worthy of the trust reposed in him by the British Government. Without waiting to change his dress, he mounted his horse, and rode off with two hundred cavalry to the place indicated in the letter. Having surrounded the house with his troops, he entered and saw a Hindoo *fuqueer* and the pundit. His Highness asked the *fuqueer* who he was on which the man burst out laughing—he, no doubt, did not suppose at the moment that Scindia had come to take him prisoner—and said, "Why, do you mean to say you don't know me? I am Nana Peishwa."

Scindia, it must be remembered, was in former days a great friend of Nana Sahib, whom he visited at Bithoor not long before the mutiny. He did not recognize the man from his appearance; but, to try him, he, after conducting him to the palace, entered into conversation with him; and Nana then recalled what they had talked about long ago, and spoke of the presents they had interchanged, in such a way as to convince the Maharaja that the prisoner he had captured was no other than the infamous Raja of Bithoor.

Colonel Osborne, to whom Scindia had sent word of his intentions before setting out from the palace, then questioned the prisoner, with the results stated below. In the communication made to us by Reuter's Agent, and published by us [illegible] yesterday.

The man was perfectly calm and composed; and it is quite untrue to say that he was under the influence of *bhang*. Colonel Osborne was struck with his manner and style of speech, which were certainly not those of an ordinary *bujraye*. In describing his travels, he spoke of one place he had visited as "Muckeesoosahd," and which nobody could tell where that was, he said with an impatient, almost an imperious, air,—"Oh! it is a big town in Bengal, and a Nawab lives close by." One of the natives present then remarked to Colonel Osborne that the city of Moorshedabad is still called among natives by its former name of Muckeesoosahd. It will be observed that the statement he made of the places he visited in succession corresponds on the map with the route he would naturally have taken in coming down from Bhootan to Gwalior without venturing to go near his old place of abode; and what gave a greater air of truthfulness to his narrative was, that he hesitated sometimes, and seemed to be obliged to make an effort in order to recall where he was a number of years ago. In speaking of Assam, he said he went to a station the name of which began with "Gow," upon which Colonel Osborne suggested Gowhatty. These details help to upset the theory that the man is playing a part, or he would have told his tale in a readier and less natural way. Moreover, Colonel Osborne—who was careful to conduct the conversation in Hindustani, in order that the numerous native witnesses present might remember exactly what was said—remarked that the prisoner in speaking used expressions which no beggar would have used.

All that the prisoner said about the crimes with which he is charged was that he had been "in the hands of the mutineers"; and it is quite possible there may be some truth in the suggestion that the leaders of the mutiny were forced by their own followers to commit the barbarities which have made their names infamous. They should have thought of all this, however, before, by raising the standard of rebellion, they made themselves responsible for whatever their followers might do.

It is quite natural that the prisoner has withdrawn his confession, or has alleged that he made it under the influence of *Bhang*. On Thursday the 22nd, Scindia, who had closed the gates of the city the whole night, and was, we may be sure, only too glad to be relieved of the anxious task of keeping such a prisoner, sent Nana Sahib out with an escort to the English cantonment at Morar. Colonel Osborne met the escort about a mile from Morar, but allowed it to remain in charge of the prisoner till it reached the cantonment, where Nana Sahib was made over to the Cameronians. The whole regiment, which suffered heavy loss at Cawnpore and Bithoor, in 1857, turned out to see Nana Sahib brought into camp. When it was proposed to put the prisoner in irons, he refused to sit down to have the irons put on, and stood against a pillar to be manacled; and he then said to the soldiers, "Why do you treat me in "this way? I am only a *fuqueer*." This is the only remark made by him that can by possibility be construed into a disavowal of the confession he had previously made; and it is obviously of no importance whatever.

As to the opinion ascribed to Dr. Tressider, formerly Civil Surgeon at Cawnpore, that the prisoner is a man not more than 40 years old, it would be difficult for anybody at present to determine what his real age is. Judged by the state of his body, he might be an old man of seventy, for he is miserably emaciated, and there is not only very little flesh on his bones, but hardly any skin on his body. There can be no doubt that he must have undergone extreme privations. When taken, he had no clothing on but a chudder, or sheet, and a cloth round his loins. He wore the usual *byrageo's* necklace of beads. Two rupees and a half and some papers of no importance were all the property he possessed. Again, as regards the look of the face, his appearance is greatly changed by the shaving in of his cheeks, the growth of a beard, and the use of hair-dye. Only the features can be unaltered. It is not known that Dr. Tressider ever attended Nana Sahib at Bithoor, and his evidence cannot, therefore, be considered of great value. Nor is it probable that Colonel Mowbray Thomson, who was been summoned to Gwalior, will be able to give decisive opinion. In his book, *The Story of Cawnpore*, Colonel Thomson does not recollect as he had any very vivid recollection of Nana Sahib. He says:—"I should consider him to be (in 1858) about "36 years old. With greater confidence I can "add, that he is exceedingly corpulent, of sallow "complexion, of middle height, and, like all "Mahrattas, clean shaven on both head and face." It will not be wonderful if Colonel Thomson does not recognise the prosperous Raja in the broken down *byrageo*.

Against anything that may be said by these or other witnesses, we have the testimony of the man himself, who is in his sober senses as well as of Scindia, who can have no motive for misleading the British Government, and who says distinctly:—"I am sure he is the man;" "and, having known him for forty years, I "ought to be as good a judge as any one in "India." We believe Colonel Osborne has summoned from Meerut an English witness, General Colin Troup, who used to go out shooting with Nana Sahib and knew him intimately; and he may be able to confirm Scindia's opinion. But it is desirable that the Government should avoid being in too great a hurry to prove that the prisoner is the right man. Let him be kept in prison till the dye has worn out of his hair, and let his beard be shaved; and then confront him with persons who knew him in former days. There is no need to be so eager not to lose a moment. The only thing to be feared is that the man may find the means of taking poison; but Scindia had him carefully searched before giving him up, and the Cameronians will probably take good care not to let any native approach him. The public may now, we think, on a fair review of the probabilities of the case, rest assured that this time there has been no mistake.

We are indebted to Colonel Osborne, Officiating Resident at Gwalior, for the following particulars regarding the capture of the Nana Sahib:—

On Wednesday night the Nana wrote to a friend at Court and said he was concealed in the suburbs of Gwalior. Directly Scindia heard this he put himself at the head of 200 cavalry, rode to the place, surrounded it, and personally captured the miscreants.

He immediately sent his Minister and Vakeel to me. At 11 P.M. he turned out all his troops and drew a double cordon round the city, not a soul being allowed to enter or to leave the city.

At 11 P.M. I arrived at the palace and saw Scindia; he told me what he had done, and added—"The Nana is much altered, but I have talked to him and he has told me of conversations we have had together in former years, reminded me of presents I gave him, &c. I can swear it is the Nana, and other natives recognize him."

Colonel Mowbray Thomson has been ordered up by the Government to identify him.

I examined the Nana for about an hour from 1 to 2 A.M. on Thursday. He said in reply to my question asking his name, "I never use my name; I have always been known as the Nana Sahib."

The following is the substance of what he said:—

He is the son of Bajee Rao

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come on with the tide, the whole of Hillpriee would, I fear, have been overwhelmed about midnight. Providentially its commence with low water enabled the sea-dyke to stand out the storm-wave which, nevertheless, penetrated on the Khalsi estuary miles embankments, and doing some mischief to the crops.

Mr. Thompson, Coimbatore correspondent of the *Madras Times* writes as follows:—The Resident, Mr. Ballard, has just come from three months' leave in Europe to his happy hunting grounds here, and very characteristically took charge of the office of Sheristadar, the Acting Resident (Major Bloomfield) hands, they say, by "wiring" him from the railway Telegraph Office at Shoranpoor, the very instant that he arrived within the limits of the country. But it was really, I believe, from Trichoor, in Travancore territory, that he took charge. Major Bloomfield has been very popular, more popular than any of his predecessors in the office—and has endeavoured to keep moving in the right direction with some success, a success of the kind of which I may be allowed to express a hope. He leaves to the regret of many, and with the earnest wish of many more to return to power in these parts.

The Spectator.—The newspapers have continued to appear during the week, but they have not contained news, unless letters on Indian archæology, the reports of meetings of Associated Chambers of Commerce, evidence about the Theyno accident, reiterated for the fourth time, and ecclesiastical manœuvres concerning Electors of Saxony who have been buried for hundreds of years, can be properly so termed. There has been a Congress in Belgium, which must surely be generic rather than specific in its character, its title seeming to imply that it is its mission to classify the subjects of all the other thousand Congresses of our age, and reduce the mighty maze to something like a plan. It is called "The International Yarn Congress." It met at Brussels on Tuesday, the Minister of Foreign Affairs being chosen honorary president, and its object is said to be to establish a "uniform system of numbering and classifying yarns,"—surely a very requisite, but also a very difficult task. The yarns of the different sorts of Congresses, though all of them too long, are so different in kind as to make satisfactory classification a very hard task. Perhaps the yarns of the International Congress of Peace and Fraternity are the longest and thinnest, those of the International Working-men's Association the harshest and brittlest, and those of the International Statisticians the driest and fuzziest; but it would puzzle the wisest of men to classify such yarns as those of the International Postal Congress, the International Congress for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the International Congress of Orientalists, the International Congress of Meteorologists, and a hundred others. We hope, however, that the Congress for Classifying Yarns will not add to its own difficult work by also spinning them.

The Spectator:—Lord Dufferin's very remarkable speech at Toronto is distinguished not only by an eloquence of singular brilliancy and compass, but by the racy good sense of its statesmanship, its humour, lush subtle and homely, and its earnest and lofty imperial spirit; while, at the same time, it is spoken throughout in the tone of one who is not only the Viceroy of England, but the chief of the government of a new nation. The War of the Secession did indeed make "a new nation," but it was north of the Lakes, and not south of the line of Mason and Dixon; and within a few years the Canadian will be as distinct an American type as the Yankee or the Mexican—perhaps not the less attractive as compared, and perhaps only type of the three. We do not remember to have met with anything finer in its way than the vein of graceful humour of the American spirit of annexation which runs through the speech, and which adds by contrast a peculiar grace to the noble sentences, so full of dignity and pathos, in which Lord Dufferin bears witness to the loyalty of the Colonists and the Red men. Dignity and pathos are again followed without a break of harmony by passages of actual comicality, like the one in which he refers to the discussion on boundship when he was going to Canada, and the case of the man who had "the misfortune to have too many children." Being called upon in my turn to address the company, I alluded to the phrase, which had grated harshly on my ears, and remarked that perhaps no better idea could be given of the differences between the old country and their new home than by the fact that whereas in England a struggling man might be overweighted in the battle of life by a numerous family, in the land to which they were going a man could scarcely have too many children. Upon which I was greeted with an approving thump on the back by a stalwart young emigrant, who cried out, 'Right you are, Sir! That's what I've been telling Emily.'" In every line Lord Dufferin gives proof of the long-transmitted and versatile genius of him "who ran through each mood of the lyre and was master of all." Why did not Mr. Gladstone send him to Ireland, instead of Canada?

THE POOJAH NAUTCHES AT CALCUTTA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CALCUTTA, 22ND OCTOBER.

For the last few days "all Bengal has been full of excitement and joy." So writes a native journal, in a fit of enthusiasm over the Doorga Poojah festival. No doubt, to Young Bengal, the occasion is one of great national enjoyment, for it brings about the interchange of friendships, domestic ties are strengthened by the common sympathies of the moment, and general happiness and good-will seem to reign among the people. And it would not, perhaps, be going too far to say that a portion of this same "excitement and joy" is extended to other sections of the community. The hard-worked European, for instance, looks forward to this time of general festivity with feelings somewhat akin to those with which a way-worn traveller regards his approach to the inn in which he is assured thus he will find rest and refreshment, and he it therefore not naturally unlikelined to look upon the whole Hindoo nation, their festivities, and the traditions and customs with which they are associated, with the most absolute impartiality, if not with a most uncommon friendliness. The charms of the Dasserah are held innocent and sacred by the Hindoo, and if the European cannot exactly regard them in the same light, he will at least hold them in high estimation so long as he has the leisure and the opportunity to do so. So thought we the other morning on being obligingly informed that we might absent ourselves from business during the days of the Doorga Poojah, and when the red-liveried minion of a certain well-known Calcutta Raja placed in our hands a card which politely requested "the honour of our company at nautches" to be held at his residence during three successive nights. As the different nautches, and they are many, which take place at this season are more or less conducted upon a uniform plan, a description of one would probably suffice for all, and as you do not seem to have anything bearing a close resemblence to them in Bombay, a brief notice of the festival at which we were so particularly requested to honour the Raja referred to with our company, may not be unacceptable to your readers. Generally speaking, the houses in which those nautches are held are situated somewhere on the confines of Calcutta. You order your gurry, approaching midnight, and soon find yourself in a maze of wriggling broken-backed streets and alleys that seem to lead nowhere and everywhere; you pass along under high crumbling brick walls and ricketty tumble-down dwellings, characteristically fresco'ed with innumerable discs of animal dung pinced there by the inhabitants to dry; you suddenly find yourself traversing small colonies of huts thrown together in every conceivable shape and position; if you are not sleepy you can watch the tide of human life passing to and fro, for on this particular night the streets and bye-ways are thronged by multitudes more or less on pleasure, and if you do not absolutely [illegible] before you reach your destination [illegible] will probably be rewarded by the sudden and unexpected appearance of a vaguely defined, but brilliant, illumination at the extremity of a very long lane, blocked up with vehicles of every description, from the third class hackney [illegible] fashionable Brougham. [illegible] with crowds of clamouring natives, and noisier costermen of the public place. This, then, was the scene [illegible] at which we arrived, and it was with a feeling approaching to satisfaction that we pushed our way through the sweltering crowds that filled the street and approached the [illegible] which the guests were received—by the Rajah or any of his friends? no; by no European face or man! This, however, was no point of etiquette, upon which we did not presume to be critical, and so we passed along the [illegible] passage, like the entrance to the Pantheon at Rome, and soon found ourselves in an extensive courtyard or hall. Here the scene that presented itself was at once novel and surprising. The large courtyard, which was capable of accommodating [illegible] or four thousand people, was roofed in with canvas [illegible] for the occasion. Three or four hundred people had already assembled, a few of whom were accommodated with seats, the rest standing, all gazing with apparent enjoyment at the performance of the old threadbare pantomime, in which the Pantaloon endeavours to remove the defunct body of the clown on a shutter. Our first feeling on entering the place was one of disappointment: it was our last on leaving it. There was little order or regularity in the proceeding; it resembled, in fact, nothing so much as a cock-fight, which a large number of European ladies and gentlemen, respectable natives, and the lower and lowest orders of both classes might, through some unaccountable circumstance, have assembled to witness. We wanted very much to convey to the Raja, whose kindly intentions by the way we never for an instant doubted, how deeply we felt the honour of being allowed to participate in the entertainment at once so elevating and instructive, but our natural modesty, coupled with the difficulty of forcing a passage through successive layers of native humanity, steamy and greasy, and other impediments of a scarcely less offensive description, prevented the accomplishment of an otherwise creditable resolution. So far as the actual nautch was concerned there seemed to be very little of it. The courtyard was occupied during the night by acrobats of an inferior class, who timed their performances to the inharmonious sounds produced by two or three brass instruments and a fiddle, while upstairs, in a small well furnished sitting room, nautch girls of anything but prepossessing appearance sang and danced at intervals to small audiences. The refreshments were of a character with the entertainment.

On the opposite side of the same street, however, there was a second courtyard, to which admission was obtained by ticket, and in which matters seemed to be arranged with somewhat more taste and regard for the accommodation of visitors. The lower portion of the enclosure was fairly lighted with candelabra, there were almost enough seats to accommodate half of the visitors present, the floor was nicely clothed, and there was some attempt at decoration. The chief attraction here seemed to be the native drama. A small temporary stage was erected against the western wall of the building, before which a drop scene of no contemptible merit hung. One of the drawbacks to this portion of the entertainment was the inconveniently long time that people were kept waiting for the curtain to rise. When the curtain was about to or drawn a number of native gentlemen with gold mounted canes and silk spring turbans had their chairs placed immediately in front of those occupied by the European ladies and gentlemen in the first row, but when the curtain was drawn, and something like an apparition with a dingy rag over its head was observed to move about mysteriously on its haunches to slow music, there was a general movement on the part of the native portion of the audience towards the footlights, where they remained till the close of the act, which lasted no longer than a few minutes. The next act came on two hours later, and consisted of a fierce combat with swords, which gave rise to considerable excitement among the native audience. I should have mentioned that the courtyard also contained a long gallery running east, west, and south of the building, which was illuminated by the "dim religious light" of numerous oil lamps placed equi-distantly along the walls, and whose half-opened venetian shutters indicated the presence of more than one fair lady of the lordly mansion. In a long rectangular room, sparsely provided with couches and chairs, behind the south gallery, the nautches were held. Here successive nautch girls came and went with the half hours, each apparently singing the same love song, accompanied by the same, at times graceful, evolutions. We had hitherto always professed an unlimited confidence in the beauty of the ladies associated with the nautch; we should have, indeed, regarded it as an unpardonable want of appreciation in the man who had ventured to assert aught to the contrary, but we were bound on this occasion reluctantly to admit that, with a solitary exception, the picturesque maidens who, from time to time, relieved each other from the labours of the song and the dance were sadly wanting in comeliness. The exception was certainly a most marked one. Luxmeebai—we called her by that name, because it seemed to be associated with beauty—was a 'diamond of the first water, a pearl among pearls, a Prima Donna of Nautch Girls, however lovely and accomplished. Her face was of the classical type—faultless; her eyes large, lustrous, and expressive; her action queenly and graceful; her voice clear and silvery;

"But her essence tor'd the live air itself,
And barbarous opulence jewel-block
Sonn'd itself on her breast and her hands."

She was, however, the centre of attraction for the time being.

However imperfect, this is a faithful, unexaggerated outline of the nautches we had the pleasure to witness this season. Other entertainments of a like character were spoken, of as being conducted with a princely extravagance, scarcely credible; the general desire of those who give entertainments of the kind seems to be to earn for themselves a character for extravagant hospitality. How far their wishes are realized it would be difficult to say; but it may be assumed that the nautches on this side of India, regarded in the light of either public or private entertainments of a general character, are undoubted failures.

MR. AHMEDBHOY HUBBIBHOY'S EXPLANATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I have read the letter of Mr. Ahmedbhoy Hubibhoy, published in your issue of this morning, and as one of the promoters of the requisition to the Board of Directors of the Bombay Fire Insurance Company for the removal of Mr. Byramjee Cursetjee Ghandy, I think it right to state that Mr. Ahmedbhoy's name would have been included in the document, but for the belief that the shareholders had not the power to remove him until the expiration of the period of his holding office as a director. The mistake has arisen from the clause giving such power to the shareholders being inserted in the articles of association under the head of "Proceedings of Directors," and not under the proper heading, "Disqualification of Directors" where the circumstances in which "the office of a director shall be vacated" are fully described.

It is, however, not too late to remedy the oversight, but, as Mr. Ahmedbhoy now wishes to clear himself of the imputation under which he labours, it would be but fair that he should be allowed full opportunity of doing so before anything is done to induce the shareholders of the Bombay Fire Insurance Company to move in the matter. We should therefore for a reasonable time in order to afford Mr. Ahmedbhoy an opportunity to clear himself through the means of the Appeal Court or by representation to the learned Judge who delivered judgment in the East India Bank case.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

S. SHAPOORJEE.

Graham's Buildings, 26th Oct.

MAJOR MAYNE ON THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

SIR,—I am very much obliged to your correspondent for having taken so much trouble in [illegible] of the 5th to set me right in unfortunately from my [illegible] on the higher mathematics, I cannot follow him [illegible] that his thoroughly understands [illegible] about, which is more than I suppose [illegible] myself. Indeed, I should not have presumed [illegible] on this point, had I not felt that, as things were to [illegible] were worth anything, and I am the [illegible] to confess my readiness now, from having [illegible] to a day or two ago, by an experienced astronomer, that my ideas are of no use, that it is manifest that I know nothing of theoretical optics, and that I have misunderstood the bearings of the passages I have quoted.

In the face of this opinion (albeit I have never laid claim to such knowledge) and of your correspondent's mathematical demonstration regarding focus (by the way he adopts the old value of the Sun's distance, now generally discarded), which I will grant to be perfectly correct for the formation of the image within the tube of the telescope, I should be foolish were I to attempt [illegible] especially as I have here to admit that your correspondent is quite right about the adjustment of the telescope on a fixed star giving a clear definition (perhaps the best) of the planets; I was, no doubt, misled, from not having used the telescope for two years, by mistaking the recollection of different adjustments having been required for eye-pieces of different power for adjustment of the same eye-piece for different objects, [illegible] especially as I have been so much in the habit of using the same eye-piece for different objects.

Soon end to your correspondent.

But, having taken the plunge, I must make the best I can of it, and as I have not the logically trained mind, for which I give your correspondent full credit, I must ask him to think of me as seeking information, rather than as an opponent in the lists.

I am afraid that I have not yet explained myself clearly enough to save being misunderstood, and will try briefly to state the meaning of my plan. The reception of the Sun's image on a screen is a process that takes place *outside* the telescope, when the rays of sunlight commence to expand the moment they leave the aperture of the eye-piece, spreading out in a cone shape to any distance you like. My proposal is to arrest them on a spherical instead of a flat surface, so that the screen which receives them a little way off, instead of the observer's eye, at the eye-piece, should, like the retina of the eye, be spherical and not flat.

Is not the roundness of the appearance of the Sun and Moon, and the larger planets when viewed through the telescope, due partly, and perhaps chiefly, to the sphericity of the retina? If so, is not this a proof that the rays of unequal length find *there* a perfect representation each accordingly to its relative length?

My saying in my letter of the 28th ultimo that this theory (though I ought not to have used so ambitious a term) had been partially corroborated, is because I understand the reference in *Nature* to allude to daguerreotype photographic experiments made by M.M. Wolf and André on the *Sun itself*, and not, as implied by your correspondent in his letter of the 7th October, on terrestrial objects; I think he is rather hard on me in the ingenious way in which he has worded what he calls my propositions. I never said, or intended to say, that the disc of the sun or the planet's shadow, accounting for the black drops, had been partially corroborated. I quoted the experiments as having been made on the formation of the black drop to connect them with the following assertion that curvature of field could be corrected by the employment of plates whose surfaces are portions of spheres. By curvature of field, I understand the Sun's spherical shape to be alluded to, and not the curvature of field of ordinary photography.

I am sure that in the matter of the black drop your correspondent has misunderstood me, and that not through any fault of mine. I do not mean the black spot or disc caused by the multiplied side of the planet's body being visible on the Sun's disc during the whole of the transit, but the unexplained phenomenon at ingress or egress which is described in Chambers's Astronomy, pp. 265-6, as follows:—

"Some photographers were recently in connexion with the transit of Venus, while engaged in [illegible] were struck by the appearance of a black [illegible] which seemed to bridge over the interval between the limb of the Sun and that of the planet, and thus to [illegible] the planet appeared for a short time after it had entered upon the disc of the Sun to be attached to the Sun's limb by a dark filament of similar diameter, and was noticed at the egress. It was also found that even after the planet was entirely clear of the Sun's limb it did not assume a circular figure, several seconds elapsing before the [illegible] function was the cause of these phenomena, and this [illegible] the true explanation."

The wooden accompanying this description shows the planet in a pear or peg-top shape, the apex coincident with the edge of the Sun, the planet being, as well as I can judge, a little more than its own semi-diameter within the Sun's disc.

Now let me trespass on your space and your correspondent's patience a little further by an extract from the Astronomer Royal's description of the total eclipse of the Sun of 18th July 1860, written from [illegible] in the south of Spain:—

"In my anxiety to lose nothing of the telescope, I did not see the approach of the dark shadow through the air, but, from what I afterwards saw of its retreat, I am sure it must have been very awful."—G. F. Chambers's Descriptive Astronomy, p. 192.

This speaks of the shadow of the Moon visible in the air as a fact! Would not an observer, placed at the Sun during each eclipse, also have seen the cone of the Moon's shadow projected on the Earth's atmosphere, and illuminated surface, for a short time after first contact, and for a short time before last contact, as the Moon moved into and out of the plane of vision?

The following extract, a continuation of the first, hints at an atmosphere round Venus, a supposition which, I read, is now generally accepted:—"It was remarked by several observers of the Transits of 1761 and 1769, that both at the ingress and egress the portion of the limb of the planet, which was not then projected on the Sun, was rendered perceptible on account of a joint ring of light which surrounded it. More than one observer noticed a ring round Venus, when it was entirely *within* the disc of the Sun, similar, it would seem, to that which has been seen to surround Mercury when in the same situation . . . . . A comparison of the different accounts seems to show that the above described rings are not identical, but no sufficient explanation has been offered to account for either, though the latter has been supposed to indicate the existence of an atmosphere around the planet."

Similarly to our imaginary observation of the Solar Eclipse from the Sun (or any distant position behind the Moon), why should we not see Venus' shadow at the beginning and end of the Transit projected on to her atmosphere, and on to the Sun's chromosphere behind it, as its cone sweeps towards and away from the plane of vision? In this case the shadow is between us and the object causing it, and the planet is in darkness, while in the hypothetical illustration above one of the shadow is beyond the Moon, which is in full sunlight; but I do not think this difference would affect the question of visibility of the shadow.

I should like to ask your correspondent one or two more questions regarding shadow, which I am inclined to think is a subject that still offers a wide field for scientific research; but this letter is too long already, and I am afraid that as it is he will think me very perverse and obstinate, especially when I tell him, as I feel bound to, that the astronomer whose opinion I have quoted above, and who is quite competent to decide, says about the black drop, that improvement in telescopes will doubtless render it less conspicuous, but that he does not believe in its entire removal, as it has its origin in causes which cannot be removed.

In spite of this I shall be very anxious to learn the results of the Transit observations; and your correspondent may rest assured that I will let him know, with your permission, through your columns, any opinion that may be passed in *Nature* on my ideas. The bold heading you have given to this correspondence might induce some unwary non-reader to imagine that I lay claim to be considered as authority in these matters, but I have no fear of any one who may have taken the trouble of reading my effusions, and thinking so. Hoping to hear again from your correspondent, believe me, yours faithfully,

ASHTON MAYNE.

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OUR ROADS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

SIR,—Since Dr. Blaney, who is an earnest and practical worker, has raised the question about the disadvantages of using sandstone to bind our road metal, we may hope that the question will be brought to conclusive termination.

The question was discussed some time since in your columns, and Mr Pedder, as is his wont, evinced warm interest in it, and, by experiments [illegible] put on a result which he considered conclusive [illegible] on the use of sandstone. I do not know [illegible] ment was worth, for any one in favour [illegible] always make a road without it which [illegible] favourably for sandstone. And I maintain that such [illegible] the experimental piece of road, while I by no means wish to suggest that such was the intention of those who made it.

If Dr Blaney would select any half mile of road that wants thoroughly renewing, and the Commissioner would take care that the road was thoroughly picked up to a proper depth, and all the other points that were dwelt on in the former discussion duly observed, and acted up to, we should have a piece of road superior to any in Bombay, and the lungs and eyes of Dr. Blaney's patients would acknowledge the advantage.

I need not turn up the former correspondence to reproduce the arguments used, and which to my mind were conclusively in favour of no sandstone.

If roads can be made here, as in other parts of the world, without sandstone, then the dust, so troublesome to the eyes and so injurious to the lungs, and therefore to the human system generally, can be reduced by perhaps about 90 per cent; and it is worse than folly not to relieve the public of such an infliction. The dust other than from the roads would be all but inappreciable.

Let those who maintain that sandstone is necessary show the different conditions between Bombay and other parts of the world where it is not necessary.

OATS.

A VICTIM OF MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—We have all read of, and have ourselves, perhaps occasionally, engaged in the pastime of, what is called, "Roasting a fool," and a very good joke no doubt it is, but I was a witness, a few evenings ago, to a piece of knavery which I cannot describe better than by calling it "chizzaling a verdant Moslem by a party of card-playing Parsees," and which the "victim" of the joke must, I doubt not, regard as anything but a *good joke*. The facts are these. My friends, Pestonjee Cowasjee, and Co., were, after their fashion, willing away the evening hours at a game of cards at their usual haunt on the green, when they were accosted by an itinerant Mussulman "fish vender," who enquired if they wished to purchase fish. "No," was the answer, "not from you: if you were a Parsee we'd buy." Away went "Azim," rather discontented; but he'd not gone far when he fell in with a "Firaworshipper" whose filthy clothes argued a dislike on his part to the use of soap and water, or a difference with his dhobie.

Forthwith "Azim" stopped him, and gave him to understand how matters stood in regard to his disposal of the commodity he carried with his co-religionists, and proposed that he, the Parsee, should himself vend the fish as his own, receiving a certain commission for his trouble.

The proposal was accepted *instanter*, but to effect this desirable end it was thought by "Azim" expedient that he should make himself scarce for a while, and, after making over his basket with sealer and weights to his accommodating friend, he disappeared. The Parsee then went his rounds, and in a very short while disposed of all the fish, but, apparently having but hazy notions of the principle of "mum and tuom," he, instead of awaiting the return of his Moslem friend, walked off with his gains, and with it the basket, weights and all. Fancy the astonishment, the rage, the despair of "Azim," when upon his return he found his friend *non est* and nothing forthcoming! Appealing to me he descanted in bitter terms upon his friend's treachery, winding up with the "moral maxim" (vide upon trust) of

ZOROASTRIAN.

BOMBAY.

ASSAULT.—Ibrahim Fatta Mahomed was yesterday fined Rs. 5 by Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, at the Girgaum Police Court, on being adjudged guilty of assaulting a woman.

THEFT.—A small quantity of cotton in one of the sheds at Pinjri Gully caught fire on Sunday evening last, but fortunately before it had time to spread was extinguished by the neighbours. The damage is merely nominal.

A DISHONEST SERVANT.—Dhanbai Pankanjee, residing on the Kalbadevie Road, reported to the police that a servant of his named Laxmman had absconded, taking with him a silver watch and sundry other articles. A search is being made for the servant.

THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.—There were in all 3,031 prisoners in the House of Correction yesterday. Of these, 150 were under sentences from the High Court, 205 from the Magistrates of Police, 31 from Military Courts Martial, and 22 vagrants. Of the prisoners 328 were natives, and the remaining 56 Europeans, including vagrants.

RUNAWAY SEAMEN.—John Smith and two other European seamen, of the British ship Marian Moore, were charged yesterday, before the Senior Magistrate, at the Fort Police Court, with refusing to do duty on board the said ship, of which they are articled seamen. They were adjudged guilty and sentenced to two weeks' rigorous imprisonment in the House of Correction.

A BREACH OF THE LICENCE LICENSE.—Cursetjee Burjorjee, a wholesale liquor shopkeeper, was yesterday charged, at the instance of Mr. Inspector Austin, before Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, at the Girgaum Police Court, with a breach of the second condition of his liquor licence, by selling less than one dozen quart bottles between sunset and sunrise. On pleading guilty to the charge, he was fined Rs. 15.

A WARNING TO HACK SHOWAR DRIVERS.—Bhicajee Ramjee, a shigram driver, was yesterday fined Rs. 3 by the Senior Magistrate, at the Fort Police Court, on being adjudged guilty of violating the first condition of his licence as attendant of a public conveyance, by not wearing his badge when in charge of his conveyance.—No. 2 Mahomed Shaik Ohond, another driver, was also fined Rs. 3 by the same magistrate, yesterday, for a similar offence.

PARSEE LAW.—Yesterday, at the Fort Police Court, the Senior Magistrate was engaged in the forenoon hearing the case of Merwanjee Cowasjee Shroff, versus Shapoorjee Sorabjee Maistry, in which the defendant stood charged with giving false evidence in a judicial proceeding, under sections 191 and 193 of the Indian Penal Code, and with dishonestly making a false claim in a court of justice under section 209 of the said Code. The magistrate commenced the complainant at some length, and adjourned the further hearing of the case to the 2nd proximo, the defendant being held to bail. Mr. Sorabjee Bazonjee appeared for the prosecution.

THE STEAMSHIP SURAT.—This vessel, the property of the Peninsular and Oriental Company, which has during the past year been considerably lengthened and otherwise adapted to the mercantile requirements of the present day, and now forms one of the finest of the company's extensive fleet, was tried at the measured mile in Stokes Bay on Saturday month before resuming her position in the mail service with the East. The alterations have been effected by her original builders, Messrs. Day, Summers, and Co., of the Northam Ironworks at Southampton, by whom the ship was cut in two at the west gangway abaft and lengthened 10ft. 4 in. Her original horizontal engines have been superseded by compound engines of 350 nominal horse-power, capable of indicating 2,000 horse-power, and calculated to drive her at a speed of 13½ knots per hour. The cylinders are 48 and 96 inches in diameter respectively, with 4ft 6in. stroke, and she is propelled by one of Griffiths's three-bladed screws, 18ft. in diameter, and with a pitch of 22ft. The present dimensions of the vessel are—Length between perpendiculars, 336 ft. 6in.; breadth of beam, 41ft. 6in.; depth from top of floor to spar deck, 30ft. 3in.; tonnage, builders' measurement, 3,647, and gross, 3,141 tons. She is elegantly fitted throughout with every arrangement for the comfort and convenience of passengers. At the trial on Saturday with an average pressure of 61lb. of steam, vacuum 24½ inches, and 61½ revolutions of engines per minute, the vessel attained a mean speed of 12·247 knots per hour, which would have been considerably higher had the ship been in better trim, also having only 220 tons coal weight on board, and the fans of the screw working right or nine inches out of the water. Her draught was 15ft. 6in. forward and 17ft. 11in. aft. Owing to the recent alteration, the Surat now capable of carrying over 500 tons of cargo more than before on the same draught of water, and it is fully expected that she will regularly make 13 knots per hour at sea on a daily consumption of 28 tons of coal. The Surat, which is under the command of Captain G. O. Barne, left for London immediately after Saturday's trial to take in cargo, and she leaves Southampton on Thursday, the 3rd proximo, with the heavy India and China mails.

INDIAN NEWS.

RELEASED CONVICTS.—The ever increasing number of released convicts is to fall upon Oudh. It is believed that there are up wards of 10,000 such persons in Oudh. There are but very few of the whole number who would have the slightest hesitation in committing crime whenever there is any opportunity of doing so. The prospect for the police in this respect does not appear to be very hopeful. Constant watching is required to prevent these men from doing mischief. When once, however, the police knows the names and haunts of the bad characters, there ought to be no difficulty in exercising some sort of surveillance over them. The old practice of the village watchman, on his nightly rounds, ascertaining if such characters were in their houses, does not seem to be so very bad after all.—*Indian Times*.

THE DURGA PUJA FESTIVAL.—This Hindu festival was brought to a close on Tuesday evening by the consigning of the goddess Durga to the river. To witness this ceremony, immense crowds of people of every class took up their position on the principal ghats and on the jetties, but the Hughli bridge was the great centre of attraction, and was, from an early hour in the afternoon to a late hour at night, densely thronged with conveyances of every description. The Strand-road on either side of the approaches to the bridge was, for a long distance, blocked with carriages, which, though destined for a drive over the bridge, had to return when late hour of the night in consequence of the immense traffic thereon. The streets at the Shova-bazaar Rajbari were a great success, and were witnessed by an immense crowd of visitors of every class. Sir Jung Bahadur honouring the occasion with his presence; but Edward's circus did not seem to be appreciated, judging from the hisses that greeted the performers.—*Englishman*.

A MEETING AT BANGALORE.—A meeting of "the domiciled Europeans and the East Indian community of Mysore" was held at the Maharajah's Schools on Saturday, the 10th instant, Mr. J. Denning in the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Chairman and by Messrs. J. Lacey, J. W. Hayes, junior, J. Evers, Cross and Rebling. Mr. Lacey defined the term "domiciled European" to be Europeans and their descendants of pure blood permanently located in the country, and the term East Indian to include all those of mixed descent. He said he thought that the use of one term, viz., that of Anglo-Indian to include both these classes, would be better and more suggestive. He urged the Anglo-Community to be united and to depend upon themselves. He begged their forgiveness for mentioning one thing, but it was that to which they must attribute in a great measure their depressed condition, and that was their extravagance as a body. He was glad to say that there was not so much extravagance in Mysore as elsewhere. He next adverted to the bringing up of poor East Indian females. He drew attention to the fact that while a Moodelier, on the receipt of 50 rupees a month was a very respectable person, respectable in dress and in home, the East Indian on 50 rupees could hardly support himself—one of the reasons no doubt was that the Moodeliar's wife cooked the food and swept the house and attended to all the household concerns, whereas the East Indian's wife had to keep one or more servants. In England the wife of a man in a similar condition would do all the work of the house, and why should not an East Indian woman do the same in this country?—*Bangalore Spectator and Herald*.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY BY A POLICE CONSTABLE.—At the Town Police Court, on Friday before Mr. Campbell, a police constable named Lutamesh, of the C Division, was charged by Inspector Thacs with committing highway robbery by night. It appears that a few nights ago while a native man and woman were counting some money near Mulji Khoja's Gardens, the prisoner went up to them and accused them of disorderly behaviour in a public street. The [illegible] remonstrated with the constable but the latter was determined to take them into custody and accordingly arrested them. On their way to the police station the prisoner forcibly took the handkerchief from the native man and abstracted 8 Rupees, which was tied to it. The constable next handed over the money to a peon in order to safe custody, and marched the parties off to the station house. As soon as they reached the station a complaint was preferred against the constable and on the circumstance being brought to the notice of Inspector Thacs that officer instituted an inquiry and brought the defendant up. The prisoner was then brought forward and had his name to the back of the prisoner having given him seven rupees on the night in question. The prisoner in defence first denied the charge but subsequently said that if he had been guilty of the offence, his comrade, Constable Abdool Ryman, was equally guilty, as he was on duty with him that night. Abdool Ryman was next called and in proving the accusation, he added, that the prisoner was the man who committed the offence and gave a description of the transaction. From the defaulters sheet, it appeared that prisoner had been punished on various occasions by the Commissioner of Police for sundry departmental offences. His Worship sentenced the prisoner to six months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of 42 rupees; a sum equivalent to six months' pay. In default of payment he is to undergo further imprisonment for the space of two months.—*Mofussil Advertiser*.

STATE OF THE CROPS IN THE N.W. PROVINCES.

Basti, 17th October.—No rain. Late rice of first rate promises. Rabi sowings continue. Spordic cholera as before. State relief at an end.

Gorakhpur, 21st October.—No rain. Prospects unchanged. Rabi sowings continue. Cholera somewhat abated in north, but increasing in south.

Ghazipur, 21st October.—No rain. Weather good. Crops flourishing.

Mirzapur, 19th October.—No rain. Late kharif prospects excellent. Rabi sowings continues.

Benares, 21st October.—No rain. Kharif harvest and rabi ploughing continues.

Jaunpur, 18th October.—Two tanks of rain in Machhishahr. Harvest prospects most promising. Rabi sowings continue.

Allahabad, 21st October.—Everything going on satisfactorily.

Banda, 17th October.—No rain. All poorhouses closed. Kharif excellent.

Hamirpur, 19th October.—No rain. Kharif good. Rabi ploughing and sowing continue.

Jalaun, 17th October.—No rain. Prospects good. Rabi ploughing and sowing continue.

Jhansi, 21st October.—Kharif excellent; jowar harvest begun; rabi sowings continue.

Cawnpore, 21st October.—No rain. Prospects good.

Fatukhabad, 21st October.—No rain. Prospects good.

Agra, 21st October.—No rain. Prospects good.

Mathra.—Report not received.

Aligarh, 21st October.—No rain.

Meerut, 21st October.—No rain. Rabi sowings continue.

Saharanpur, 21st October.—No rain. Prospects good.

Bijnor, 19th October.—No rain. Kharif harvest and rabi sowings continue.

Moradabad, 21st October—No rain. Crops as before.

Bareilly, 21st October—No rain. Sowings continue.

THE CYCLONE IN BENGAL.

LOSS OF THE "EVENING STAR."

(Indian Daily News.)

The following are the depositions of one of the men and the gunner of the ship Evening Star that was wrecked in the late cyclone:

Haujee Hossian, native of the Laccadive Islands.—I was a seacunnie on board the ship Evening Star; Captain Wales. We left Calcutta in tow of a tug on Wednesday morning, and anchored at Sangor at 6 P. M. the same day. The night passed with squally weather, and on the following morning, Thursday, the tug came alongside, and said I am not going to stay here, I am going up, the wind is getting strong, and there is going to be a hurricane, if you wish to be towed further up I will tow you. The pilot asked him how much, and the Captain of the tug said Rs. 1,000. Captain Wales offered Rs. 500, which was not accepted. The Steamer then left us, and the wind began to increase in strength, and at one o'clock we sent top gallant yards and masts down, and paid out 60 fathoms cable on the starboard anchor. We were riding by one anchor until about 3 P. M., the gale still increasing. We then let go the port anchor, and paid out 30 fathoms of cable. The ship was holding on at that time. Half an hour after this the ship began to drive, and we paid out 100 fathoms on the starboard anchor. About 2 P. M., the starboard cable parted, and we paid out 60 fathoms on the port. The wind still increasing in strength the pilot gave orders to clear away the mainmast, which was done. At this time the gale was very strong. The pilot went forward into the forecastle, and was blown aft again. The crew could not go forward, and every one then collected on the poop. The rain was so heavy that we could not see the forecastle. At about 4, P. M., the ship struck on the sand. When we first anchored the Sangor light-house was bearing N. N. E. and we were in 4½ fathoms water. When [illegible] could see nothing, for [illegible] On the poop besides the [illegible] and his mother, the eldest son [illegible] brother) and his [illegible] and two boys of about 4 years. [illegible] were taken below by the Captain [illegible] der their clothes, and when [illegible] were all standing by the rail together [illegible] the mizzenmast fell, also the main boom, [illegible] and a few minutes afterwards [illegible] were all thrown in the water and [illegible] than a very heavy sea running. [illegible] strong that I could not turn my [illegible] found myself in the water. I took [illegible] the Captain, Chief Officer, and [illegible] on the wreck. I got hold of this [illegible] and [illegible] were together, I could not see any one in the water, but ourselves. I could not [illegible] mother or the children, in any [illegible] Captain handed me a rope that he had, the others were holding and told me to hold on tight. Then a very heavy sea struck us and we were all washed off the beam and taken under water. When I came to the surface I looked round and found myself alone. I got hold of a small piece of wood and [illegible] it under me, I began to swim. I suppose it was [illegible] o'clock in the morning. I saw Sangor light and then struck out in that direction, and a little before daylight reached the shore. To the north of the light house on shore, I met the boy Adam of the same ship who had got ashore before me. We walked together to the lighthouse which we reached about half past six. We had left one officer and a gunner, all of whom were during the whole time attending to their duty, and saying out the orders of the pilot and Captain. We were, all included, Captain and officers [illegible] in number, six males, as far as I know, have been saved as yet.

Deposition of Abdool Rahmie, gunner of the ship Evening Star, wrecked at Sangor on the Sangor Sand on Thursday, the 15th October, 1874. I am a native of Singapore, was gunner of the ship Evening Star, Captain George Wales, bound to Mushmiling, for Calcutta in tow of the steam tug [illegible] On Wednesday, the 14th, we anchored at Sangor. Sangor light-house bearing N. E. by N. We paid out 30 f

Him to make some." If, however, the two qualities [illegible] remaining "permanent matter" in the person [illegible] W. Childs, are combined all his life [illegible] were the results of steadiness. His present position [illegible] a millionaires would indeed entitle him to be [illegible] remarkable man. But we suspect that [illegible] of something else ("almighty") Mr. Childs' position [illegible] underwent a change exactly the reverse of that [illegible] enced by Mr. Samuel Hoggett. At school, at any rate, [illegible] Childs was constantly pattering—a knife for a [illegible] wood pigeon, marbles, [illegible] popguns, a birdcage for a new [illegible] book—and he displayed an intuitive knack (says James Parton, in his 'biographical sketch,' whence I fetch these details) in getting a good bargain by buying and selling at the right moment." We have most of us probably had early experience of the boy of this type, and a very nice boy it is, and amazingly popular with his school-fellows. Hence we are not surprised to be told that he was a "favourite among those "youthful associates" who in their dealings with him must of necessity have been in the habit of "buying and selling at the wrong moment." While in his tenth year he filled up his summer holiday as an errand-boy in a book-store. At fifteen he came to Philadelphia without a single half-dollar in or a dollar. He obtained employment in a bookstore, and was soon taken into partnership, by a publisher, almost at the outset of his career he found himself in receipt of more than [illegible] a year. [illegible] Philadelphia. The Ledger was [illegible] and he did own that journal. He [illegible] when its fortunes were [illegible] and deep-seeing eye with a prescient brain [illegible] above and behind them to the scratch," of the conditions of remunerating it. He read them rightly, and restored the fortunes of the newspaper. His success was complete, but it was also virtuous. He rigidly excluded from its columns all advertisements which "ought not to be read in a well-ordered household." This he did at a loss of "[illegible] a week," and at a profit by increased circulation "in well-ordered households" which is not stated. He applied his bulging brain with success to the rehabilitation of two other embarrassed periodicals, and thus during the decade 1864-74 he has built up "a vast fortune."

Looking back upon the facts of this slight memorial sketch, though without emulating the Americanism of invading the innermost, sanctitive and recesses of private life," Mr. Grosart detects certain elements in the story that go far to explain Mr. Childs' present commanding place. These elements are seven in number.—(a.) Mr. Childs enjoys excellent health. He is a strong man—not perhaps what you would call a man of fine feelings, or one who would sympathise with the fine feelings of others; but if though we need this kind of spiritualistic natures—your Shelleys, Keatses, and Mrs. Brownings—much robustness as Mr. Childs is a covetable possession." (b.) He has from a boy eschewed bad habits; early took his stand as a teetotaller in respect of intoxicants, and has never indulged in tobacco in any of its uses, so that now "it does one good to look into his pellucid eyes." (c.) He has known how to serve, and having served well "no master stands more thoroughly service or more obedient obedience." (d.) He is truthful, and looks you straight in the face when he speaks to you. (e.) He has been a miser of his time—a thinker rather than a reader. He "intermeddled not with metaphysical philosophical problems," but simply kept his accounts carefully. (f.) He has profound faith in himself. There is nothing of the saturnine, misanthropic, despondent, disappointed, ill-used man" about this owner of a "great fortune." He jingles his dollars, in fact, with Christian resignation. (g.) He has a natural large-heartedness. "Everything in America is big." Mr. Grosart remembers to have been struck "with the superior size of even their cherries," and Mr. Childs' heart is like the American cherries. Must we confess, however, that even after reading this catalogue of virtues—good health, eyes at once pellucid with abstinence from stimulants, sharply vigilant over servants, and capable of looking you straight in the face, absorbing devotion to money-getting in preference to filling over books, unbounded self-confidence, and a heart like an American cherry, we can hardly sympathise to the full with Mr. Grosart's enthusiasm for his hero. He calls him a "noble [illegible] Almighty's sanctifying," "worthy of the homage of Christendom," "an example which elevates the type of man universally," "a pure living, simple tasted, pleasant mannered [illegible] gentleman, most follower of Him, the first true gentleman that ever breathed"—(!) exclaims finally in a paroxysm of sycophancy—"I bare my head in imperchaseable honour to George W. Childs."

These specimen extracts of Mr. Childs' character, says Mr. Grosart in conclusion, "must suffice." We can assure him that they more than suffice. We never remember to have had a more plentiful dish of highly seasoned adulation set before us; and if Mr. George W. Childs himself relishes it, we think we have discovered the secret of the excellent health he is said to enjoy: he must have a very strong stomach. But if his character has not been greatly flattered, it is impossible to suppose that he can relish it; and on this view of the case he really deserves our profoundest commiseration. If he really is, as he is said to be, of that order of men who do good by stealth, how deeply he must blush to find it not only fame, but fame of this positively blatant sort! How he will rebuke the exclamation of those idolaters who have "furnished" Mr. Grosart—and not only Mr. Grosart, but M. Fulvus, of Bordeaux, and a German gentleman (name unknown)—with the "materials" which have enabled them to trumpet his benevolence, not at the corners of the street, but at all four corners of Europe. How indignant he will be at Mr. Grosart's fulsome eulogies of the "multitudinousness, the variety, the fulness, the catholicity, the delicacy, the tenderness, and the personal sympathy" of his "private beneficence;" at his indecent reference to the "deeds of letters" in his possession testifying to Mr. Childs' "secret kindnesses." If, on the other hand, the labours of Mr. Grosart, M. Fulvus, and the German gentleman have been undertaken at Mr. Childs' instigation or with his sanction, the fact is a very curious one. It seems to show pretty plainly both the desire of American millionaires to bring themselves before the eyes of the world and the limited means at their disposal for doing it. The absence of an aristocratic caste, by admission into which a lucky or pushing plebeian may distinguish himself from his fellows, and of a political career in which it is a distinction and not a discredit to have engaged—have apparently convinced Mr. Childs that the only possible road to distinction was the public advertisement of his virtues and his "wealth" in three languages. With the utmost admiration for American institutions, we still cannot but rejoice that men who wish to distinguish themselves in this country have other and less humiliating means of satisfying the desire.

EUROPEAN EXTRACTS.

THE BESSEMER AND THE CASTALIA.

(From the Navy.)

Whether the Bessemer saloon will or will not afford its occupants the immunity anticipated from the ills comforts of the Channel passage is a question which will be set at rest the first time the steamer now fitting out at Hull by the Earl Shipbuilding Company is in a sea-way. Those who have given any attention to the cause of sea-sickness cannot have failed to notice the effect produced under the following circumstances:—1. When a steamer is moving head to wind and sea with only the short pitching motion. 2. With wind and sea abeam when sufficient canvas can be spread to counteract the rolling. 3. Before wind and sea; ship rolling heavily; no heaving motion. The passengers who are in the greatest misery in the first and second instances immediately recover when the vessel is in the third position. We contend that while Mr. Bessemer's wonderful saloon may possibly be nearly free from the rolling motion imparted to the steamer by the waves, he would seem to have overlooked the fact that the rolling motion has very little to do with sea-sickness. Others contend that the pitching of the vessel is the primary cause of sea-sickness. This is equally fallacious; the pitching and rolling motions are one and the same, but simply regarded from different points of view. To exemplify this, let us suppose for an instant that the circular ironclad, the Popoff, lately built by the Russian Government to be put, say, head to wind and sea (if a vessel having neither stem nor stern could be so placed), afterwards let the course be at right angles to the former, wind and sea abeam, we believe that a blind passenger would be at a loss to say which was the pitching and which the rolling motion. Having thus, as we assume, demonstrated that the rolling and pitching motions are the same, and that neither is the cause of sea-sickness, question then arises, what is the cause? There is only one other motion to which it can be attributed, which is the perpendicular fall or drop that is experienced when the mom. of the vessel descends from the summit of one wave to the centre to be again upborne by the wave next following. That this hypothesis is the correct one there can be but little doubt. The same drop or fall is experienced in the "dead weight" as a fact; we mean that popular paddle-wheel looking apparatus with shooting boats attached to it. Many can vouch for it that this insidious produces in a few turns the worst form of sea-sickness, as it is termed. In the ordinary steamer the drop or fall produces the same effect on those subject to sea-sickness. As we had proved the cause of sea-sickness, and the difficulties to contend with in providing a means of alleviating it to any extent, we may cite the case of lady passengers embarking at the Tower and being obliged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]